

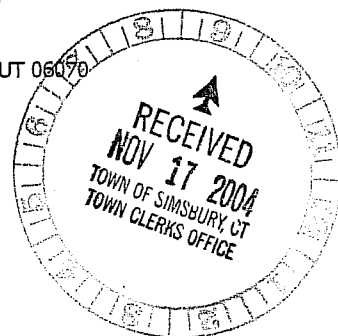
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Aging and Disability Commission



Aging and Disability Commission Minutes September 21, 2004

- I. Chairman, Edward LaMontagne called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. in the Blue Room, Eno Memorial Hall, 754 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury CT.
- II. **Present:** Peg Bergethon, Ricki Bergquist (staff consultant), Lynn Veith, Charlotte Steptoe, Kathy Fallon, Gloria Knierim, Ed LaMontagne, John Romano (Bd. of Selectman liaison), and Moira Wertheimer
- III. **Not Present:** Arline Bidwell (excused)
- IV. **Public Audience:** None
- V. **Guest:** Kathryn Freda, Member, State Commission on Aging, spoke about types of issues that we should look at when preparing the A& D Commission's 2005 plan of action. In addition, Kathryn spoke about the Reverse Mortgage Program offered by Webster Bank. Specifically, she mentioned that elderly clients misunderstand the program, and that it can serve as a valuable financial tool.
- VI.
- VII. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Motion made and carried passing minutes of June 15, 2004.
- VIII. **Reports:**
 - A. **Disability Issues:** None.
 - B. **Aging Issues:** Lynn reported that McLean is awaiting word from the State Fire Marshal about whether alcohol based hand sanitizers will be allowed in patient rooms. Lynn also reported that additional flu shots might become available later in the fall.
 - C. **Legislative Issues:** Ed distributed the FirstGov.gov web site for seniors. Ed also distributed the 2005 budget for HHS Administration on Aging, and pointed out specific areas, including the National Family Caregiver Support Program.
 - D. **Ways and Means:** Donation Reconciliation Balance Sheet distributed. The balance is \$747.97.

E. Senior Center: Ricki reported that the air-conditioning project was underway, and therefore many programs were being shuffled around. In addition, she reported that attendance continues to increase and thus, they are looking at expanding the fitness center. Tag Sale will be held 10/22 from 9-12.

F. Housing: John Romano reported that Hopmeadow Place would open sometime in the Summer 2005.

G. Souper Tuesday: Grace reported that it was going along well. Currently, Tariffville School 4th Graders are scheduled to come to the February Souper Tuesday to read.

IX. Old Business

A. Picnic in the Park: More than 50 people attended, along with 3 group homes.

B. Relay for Life: Lynn mentioned that the committee is looking for an area to hold next year's event. SHS is unavailable due to the track renovation.

C. Fashion Show: Will be held during the October Souper Tuesday.

D. Disability Awareness Award: Award will be given in May. Lynn will chair this subcommittee.

X. New Business

A. Music For All Ages: Ed contacted SHS, and is awaiting a response.

B. Plan of Action: Suggestions for topic areas included: ADA compliance, Picnic in the Park, Aging Award, transportation and tax relief. Discussion will continue at the November meeting.

Adjournment: Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted,

Moir Wertheimer

Clerk